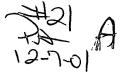
COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER NOLE 1.53(b) IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a **Continuation** application of prior pending Application Serial No. 09/877,233, filed June 11, 2001:

For (Title):

LIQUID THERMOSETTING SEALING AGENT FOR POLYMER ELECTRODE MEMBRANE FUEL CELL, SINGLE CELL FORMED WITH SEALING AGENT, ITS PROCESS, AND PROCESS FOR REGENERATING POLYMER

ELECTRODE MEMBRANE FUEL CELL

By (Inventors):

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- 1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
- 2. A The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

FOR: NO. FILED NO. EXTRA BASIC FEE TOTAL CLAIMS 21 - 20 = 1 INDEP CLAIMS 1 - 3 = 0 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE	<u>OR</u>
	\$ 370	<u>OR</u>
x 9 =	\$	<u>OR</u>
x 42=	\$	<u>OR</u>
+140 =	\$	<u>OR</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>OR</u>

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RATE	FEE	
	\$ 740	
x 18	\$ 18	
x 84	\$ 0	
+280	\$ 280	
TOTAL	\$ 1,038	

- 3. A The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2300 the amount of One Thousand Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$1,038.00) for payment of the required filing fee. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due with respect to this paper or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
- 4. Cancel claims ____ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
- 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a Continuation Application of Application Serial No. 09/877,233, filed on June 11, 2001. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

^{*} If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".



Rule 1.53(b) Continuing Application of U.S. Application No. 09/877,233 Filed June 11, 2001

6.	\boxtimes	Formal drawings (Figs. 1 - 20, 15 sheets) are attached.	
7.	\boxtimes	Priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-175054 filed June 12, 2000, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).	
8.	\boxtimes	The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/877,233 on October 12, 2001.	
9.		A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.	
10.		Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No filed is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).	
11.		Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:	
		This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No filed	
12.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned of record to HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA. The Assignment was filed for recordation on October 12, 2001.	
13.	\boxtimes	A Preliminary Amendment is attached.	
14.		An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449 and references.	
15.		Small entity status:	
		a. A small entity statement is attached.	
		b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.	
		☐ c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.	
16.		The Power of Attorney in the application is to Robert B. Murray, Reg. No. 22,980; Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Douglas H. Goldhush, Reg. No. 33,125; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; Murat Ozgu, Reg. No. 44,275; Robert K. Carpenter, Reg. No. 34,794; Gregory B. Kang, Reg. No. 45,273; Rustan Hill, Reg. No. 37,351; Hans J. Crosby, Reg. No. 44,634; Brian A. Tollefson, Reg. No. 46,338; David D. Dzara, Reg. No. 47,543, Lynne D. Anderson, Reg. No. 46,412, Michael A. Steinberg, Reg. No. 43,160 and Lynn A. Bristol, Reg. No. 48,898.	
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